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Mr. Robert Lake, it is REALLY HORRID what is happening with American milk/poison! All the hormones, THAT HARM AND KILL HUMANS, need to STOP immediately!!! The growth hormone TREATMENTS need to cease and desist! Business is NOT worth the cost of human lives!!

I want the opportunity to influence a government act. I CHOSE NOT to consume genetically engineered foods. It is MY RIGHT to KNOW WHAT poisons are IN my milk!

I understand that you will be making critically important decisions affecting every person on this planet. You are SUPPOSED to promote consumer protection through the development of international food standards.

MILK should NOT be genetically engineered!! Cow's naturally occurring hormones NEED to prevail and NOT be genetically engineered. We don't NEED or WANT the new milk!

I know that BIG ORGANIZATIONS like Coca-Cola, Campbell Soup, American Frozen Food Institute, International Life Sciences Institute, Hershey's, Best Foods, Proctor & Gamble, Monsanto and dozens of other companies CUT DEALS. But WHY should I have to SUFFER because someone PAID someone else to LIE or NOT TELL the TRUTH!!

If a food product IS genetically engineered, consumers have the RIGHT to KNOW!!! Genetic engineering is FICTIOUSLY based upon science. It is based upon fraud, misconceptions and influence/MONEY from BIG companies, who ONLY care about dollars!!

When Monsanto first started doing research on the genetically engineered bovine growth hormone they realized its potential to change all of the foods in our supermarkets. Their agenda was to make regulators believe that genetically engineered foods were indistinguishable from the "wholesome foods" that they replaced. In order to exert their influence, Monsanto called in a favor from C. Everett Koop, the esteemed ex-surgeon general. Koop wrote a position paper about rbGH milk, calling it exactly the same as "wholesome milk." That is A BLATANT LIE!!!!

Congress considered labeling milk containing the new hormone. Four members of the Dairy, Livestock and Poultry Committee took "bribes" from Monsanto while voting on a bill that would have required the manufacturers to let the public know what they were consuming. Congressmen call such bribes PAC money. Monsanto gave money to Volkmer, Dooley, Gunderson and Pombo.

Simply stated, genetic engineering does not work. The "SYSTEM" does not work. Monsanto created a "FREAK" amino acid when they first made rbGH. Monsanto did not inform FDA. To this day, FDA refuses to deal with this "SCIENTIFIC FACT."

Monsanto admitted the error in the July, 1994 issue of the Journal of Protein Science. Monsanto scientist, Bernard Violand, Ph.D., published evidence of this error. However, Monsanto never told FDA.

One amino acid difference in a protein can result in Alzheimer's or diabetes. Sickle cell anemia is a genetic disease in which one amino acid is different, and CAUSES malaise and eventually DEATH!!. With rbGH,

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Monsanto replaced the #144 protein LYSINE with epsilon-N-acetyllysine, a "FREAK." This word ("FREAK") was used by Monsanto's own scientist and author, Bernard Violand.

Consumers have a right to know what they are buying! Genetically engineered foods SHOULD have labels, IDENTIFYING THEM AS SUCH!" Since NO ONE at the meeting which you attended believes that the science is perfect and believes that we will be mistakeless regarding the new technology, The BIOENGINEERING NEEDS to STOP!! Since there COULD be a future genetically engineered error, ALL such foods should be labeled and ULTIMATELY STOPPED!!

It IS un-American to vote in behalf of those who well-fund their clients. I HOPE and PRAY that you will do the RIGHT thing for the people who you represent! PLEASE!!! Allow justice and NOT GREED to prevail. Do the RIGHT thing for ALL humans, NOT merely for your own personal gain. It takes an individual of substance to do the veritable and JUST thing. Thank you for your attention.